

I am filing this comment in support of the NAB's position on satellite radio's broadcast of local weather and traffic.

In granting licenses for satellite radio, the FCC relied on the express promises by XM Radio Inc. ("XM") and Sirius Satellite Radio Inc. ("Sirius") that their service would be national-only. They would provide multiple foreign language programming, senior citizens and children's programming, etc.

Because satellite radio would be national, local broadcasters would not be harmed.

Now XM and Sirius have blatantly broken their promises, launching "localized" traffic and weather service in the top twenty-one markets. This is only the beginning.

It is clear from the comments they filed in opposition to the NAB Petition the XM and Sirius view the sky as the limit - with technology to continue to "localize" their services they can make their formats virtually indistinguishable from local radio.

Without FCC intervention, two companies, with 120 channels each, will reach into every market and try to mimic what local broadcasters do.

Clear Channel's five station Nashville operation delivers in excess of 400 traffic reports each week, and similar number of weather reports, at a cost of approximately \$125,000 annually.

Satellite Radio doesn't have public interest limits or ownership limits. They have no local investment in their communities.

The \$9.9 billion broadcasters gave to their local communities in 2003 speaks volumes to commitment to public service.

Clear Channel Nashville's five station operation participates in dozens of community and charity projects each year. Our ability to provide this support to our community is in part dependant on our continued economic health. If satellite radio is permitted to infringe on our service area our ability to provide the level of support to our communities as we have in the past may be compromised.

FCC, in authorizing satellite radio, vowed to protect "vibrant" local broadcasting, and promised to take "any necessary action to safeguard the important service that terrestrial radio provides." That time is now.

Before XM and Sirius invest millions of dollars in technology, and further raise consumer's expectations about their ability to receive specific content, the FCC must clarify it authorized a national-only satellite radio service.